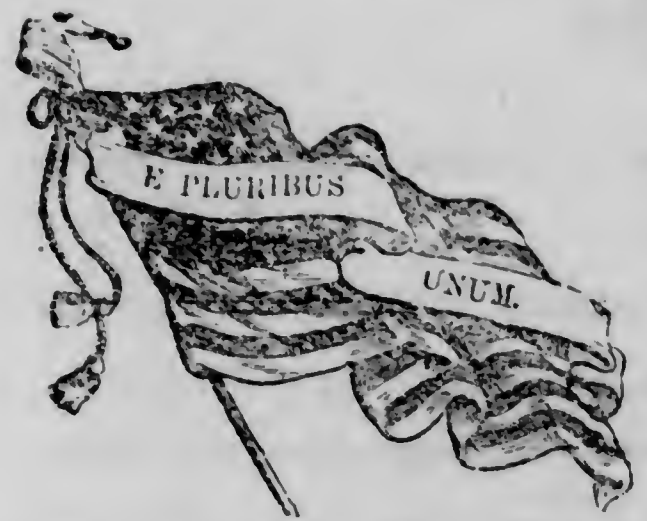


THE HOMESTEAD



WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN.

MARCH 7 1866.

J. L. CHRISTIAN

President Johnson's Speech.

That he might make his veto message still more odious to all true liberty-loving men, and to more strongly announce himself a friend to traitors and Copperheads, President Johnson delivered on the 21st ult., to a large crowd composed chiefly of blacklegs, ex-rebels, and truly Southern styled speech—Jeff Davis himself, could not have done better. A portion of the speech may be found on our first page. His veto message might possibly have been excused, but this speech never. He comes down, forgetting his high position, and indulges in the low thing language, and personalities of a third rate, unprincipled Copperhead stump speaker.

He denounces some great Senators as traitors, others for insulating assassination, and calls Forney a "dead block." What is President Johnson but a traitor? He is a traitor to his professed party; he is a traitor to the best interests of the people; he is a traitor to his own publicly avowed principles.

He denounces all advocates of amendments to the Constitution as traitors, and with the next breath recommends an amendment to admit all the Southern States back into the Union, and to admit men whose hands are yet red with the blood of truly loyal men, as representatives of these States, to Congress. He cries out loudly "No taxation without representation," yet taxes the negro and vetoes the bill giving them the right of representation together with other rights of white men. Beautiful consistency, this. Glorious utterances and actions to come from the chief executive of a great nation, aint they? Judas Iscariot betrayed his Lord and Master for thirty pieces of silver, Mr. Johnson betrays his country and its people, for what?—office.

He is opposed to amendments that are intended to relieve a downtrodden and oppressed race; but favors amendments to admit traitors to Congress. This is just what the South want. They want to get back to Congress, for they think they can then have things as of old—all their own way. They speak the truth when they say "We could not have chosen a better man to forward our interests." But thank God, President Johnson cannot make the laws, if he can veto them, and our Congress will not soon give him a chance to sign a bill "For the admission of Southern States, and traitor Representatives." We doubt not it would do Andy's old dried up soul good, to see such men as Jeff Davis, Toombs, Lee, Vallandigham and Alexander H. Stevens, back in the halls of Congress. You will have to wait a little longer, Andy, the present Congress can't see these things in the same light that you do.

Quite a number of prominent Republicans, we see, still cling to the President with the hope that he may yet be reclaimed. There is no use talking, gentlemen, he is a mass of corruption, throw the rotten carcass to—the dogs, and let them slobber over it to their heart's content. It is said "the dog shall return to his vomit, and the sow shall wallow in the mire," Andy Johnson has done this, and we say, let him wallow.

He becomes afraid, during his speech, that no one will sing his praise, and so sings a little for himself. He says he never deserted the interests of the people, not even when he was Alderman. He says he had the reputation of being a good tailor and giving close fits. We presume he means by this that he is now trying to give both political parties close fits, so close that they may both be suited. In this, however, he has missed his measurement. He has entirely ruined the garment for one party, and he is utterly unable to repair the garment, good tailor though he may be. He says he is ready to die for his country if needs be, but he wants to be laid upon an "after erected

to the Union, and his blood poured out a fit libation to the Union of the States." We do not believe that any man wants to be laid upon a "after erected" as that would be, with it. The sacrifice is made, and an altar erected, let it be erected of canebark, and located in some dismal South Carolina swamp.

We have no further hopes of Andy. We turn him over to traitors and Copperheads. "Depart ye cursed and unclean thing; ye are not of God, but of the Devil."

Elsewhere may be found a resolution accompanied by an Article offered by Hon. Ben. Wade as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, providing that the Presidential honors may be conferred upon the same man but once in his natural lifetime. After offering the resolution, Mr. Wade made a short speech, giving some of his reasons for offering the same. We also print his speech. In the language of a certain old Deacon, slightly changed, "O Ben, then't our sentiments" so far as they go. We heartily endorse both the Article and the speech. Although it is a disgraceful admission, still the fact cannot be denied, that almost every President has used the great powers and influences over which he had control, in such a manner as would be most likely to aid him in securing a re-election. We have had but two, we believe, at least in our day, who has not thus abused these great powers, one old Granny Buchanan, the other the lamented Abraham Lincoln. The first because he did not know enough; the latter because he was too noble, too highminded, to abuse the powers thus given him, for any selfish motive. As for the present functionary it is apparent to every one, that he is capable and willing to use every and any means that would tend to re-elect him. We sincerely hope that Mr. Wade may succeed in getting this amendment safely through Congress, and that then all the States will ratify it.

Because Forney would not support the President, and wrote a letter to his Philadelphia press denouncing the President's policy, Andy J. is about to withdraw the Government printing from him. We presume the Richmond Examiner, Norfolk Post, or some such organ, will now receive this patronage, all such being strong Johnson supporters. Were it not for the fact that we have got enough such, we would recommend that Andy J. leave the White House and come to Minnesota and go into partnership with the Blue Earth City and Mankato Stage company. When we denounced the latter, they doubted their charges on us for carrying our freight. When Forney denounces Andy, he withdraws his patronage. Put the three together would't they make a *huge old firm, though?*

The Minnesota Legislature adjourned *stale die* on Friday last, before adjourning it gave expression to its feelings on the President's veto message, and, we are glad to say, adopted resolutions endorsing Congress and denouncing the President. Our Legislators evidently understand the true principles of the Republican party, and knowing them are determined to maintain them.

Feeling in the South on the Veto.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. The subjoined extracts from the editorial in the Norfolk Post portrays the feeling produced in the South by the President's veto of the Freedman's Bureau bill: "All the Southern papers received here are jubilant over the defeat of that vital measure. Since the morning of July 2nd 1865, when the news of the great Southern victory, achieved by Beauregard and Mellowell, and the awful, terrible rout of the Federal army on the plains of Manassas, was borne through the South on the wings of the wind, as it were, carrying joy and tribulation into every Southern household, and gladdening every true Southerner, there has been no news received with so much rejoicing by the people of the South as that contained in the dispatch informing them that the President had vetoed the Freedman's Bureau bill. This is the greatest victory they have achieved during the war—greater than any feat of arms of Stonewall Jackson or of Robert E. Lee, and it has given them more pleasure than had General Lee been elected governor of Virginia. They have found an ally in the President worth more to them than the alliance of France and England. They now begin to see, even as they saw fore-shadowed at Manassas, the final triumph of the great Southern cause. The Republicans have been ignominiously defeated and driven from the field, and nothing can save them from total annihilation. All that is necessary for the South to do is to continue to hold up the President's hands and wage an unceasing and bitter warfare against the Republican Congress. The stone that the builders rejected has become the head of the corner, and Andrew Johnson is now enshrined in every loyal Southern heart. They will accept no terms from radicals; they ask no favor, and expect no clemency. Fanatics may roar and hiss, but

their claws are out, and their fangs are poisonous. The watchword must henceforth be Johnson and victory; and although the odds are as four to one against them, did they not carry on against still greater odds? A fig for your Republican Congress. We have a President with absolute powers, who can carry on the government good enough for this session, without the assistance of Congress.

Ben Wade's One Term Amendment and His Remarks Thereon.

From the Congressional Proceedings of Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Mr. Wade introduced the following joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, shall be valid as part of said Constitution viz:

Article—The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold office during the term of four years and shall not again be eligible to that office during the term of his natural life. In case of the removal of the President from office, or of death, resignation or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the Vice President, who shall not again be eligible to the office of President during the term of his natural life. Whenever Congress may by law provide for the case of removal, resignation or inability both of the President and Vice President, declaring what officer shall then act as President, such officer shall not again be eligible to the office of President during the term of his natural life.

Mr. Wade said: I will state that this resolution is no new idea, for I have been an advocate of it for many years, and I have derived the very strong impressions I have on the subject by a very careful observation of the workings of our Government through such periods as I have been an observer of it and I believe it has been very rare that we have been able to elect a President of the United States who has not been tempted to use the vast powers given to him according to his opinion, to advance his re-election, and when I say this of the Presidents who have preceded us, I say it in no attempt to depreciate the morals of these men, because the Constitution places before them the temptations which we can hardly expect that human nature will resist, and in the long run it will resist. Washington himself, who was exceedingly sagacious in the workings of the government, informed us that it was his opinion that there was a weakness that ought to be remedied.

We might trace this had we time through preceding administrations, and we should find that this influence weighed like gravitation upon the mind of almost every President we have ever had. How is it, sir, in the present case? I have no doubt that the present Chief Magistrate came into office while he was perfectly single in his mind, and sincere and truthful in his opinions. What were some of these opinions?

Why, sir, he spoke and reiterated every day for two months that treason was a crime; that it ought to be punished; that it must be rendered odious, and that he was the man to do this. He said it to every delegation that waited on him, until the words became stereotyped on the minds of the whole of the people. How, sir, has he performed that pledge? Has he punished anybody? Why, sir, we have the unheard of spectacle of one of the greatest rebellions that ever cursed mankind, involving more people, more lives, more expense, than all the rebellions that have occurred in history; and yet, sir, no one has been punished in consequence of it. Something is wrong. If this is all right, then the whole system of penitentiaries throughout the Union ought to be abolished. Sir, the President was right when he said treason was a great crime and ought to be rendered odious. Why did he not carry out this declaration? What has occurred to change his position on this question? I will not say that this ambition which has tempted all who have gone before him weighed on his mind to tempt him, but it is exceedingly singular that so far from rendering treason odious by punishment he has hoisted into exalted positions many of the leading traitors in the South. Who else, at any period of the world's history, ever thought of taking a rebel reed and the blood of his countrymen and placing him in the position of Governor of a State who has sought to overthrow the government of the Union and who invoked a despotism to aid him in doing it.

Is that the way you make treason odious among mankind? Is that the policy about which we have heard so much? Nobody has been able to tell us

heretofore exactly what that policy was. We all, however, saw that it was a kind of policy that suits every rebel, every Copperhead, and every enemy of the Government of the United States, both foreign and domestic. Well, sir, as that policy has become developed, we all now see precisely what it is, and why it was so grateful to the ears and hearts of every enemy of his country. It was no less than this: that these States should suffer nothing, nor forfeit nothing, but that they should be admitted unwashed and red with the blood of their countrymen, into full communion with honest, loyal men of and into the councils of the nation. What has brought about this change? Sir, it all points to this fact, that it will not do to tempt men in this way. Why, sir, this policy of bringing these States into the Union with all their rebellion and treason in their hearts, is no better than treason itself. I lay down the rule here, sir, and I defy contradiction, that if there is any man, be he high or low, who is an advocate for bringing traitors into the councils of the nation, that man is a traitor in his heart. He is an enemy to the government and the nation, and nothing can make it appear different. He who invokes the aid of unrepentant rebels to come into the councils of the nation, to participate in their deliberations, is no better than a rebel, and is a rebel at heart. How does the policy which is now devolved upon us differ from the policy that would be announced from the same place by Jeff Davis? Were he to tomorrow, placed in the same position, would he ask any less than that his co-conspirators should be restored to the same position that they had when they left these halls? Why, sir, we all know the history of the Government at the time when these men first rebelled. How was it? When they went off they had the Government all in their hands and to the infamy of the Democratic party he it said, that with all their treason and their crimes here in the Senate Chamber, there was not one man from their side ready to protest against their treason. With this exception, sir, you will not find a single Democratic vote against the will and action enjoined by the Southern rebel. Just before they went out of Congress they had it all their own way, and you and I, Mr. President, felt relieved when we saw them leave these halls. The greatest blunder treason ever committed, more fatal than the blunders of the battlefield, was the blunder of withdrawing from power in Congress when they had it all in their own hands. Now, sir, suppose they had kept on as just as they had kept on and had predominated in Congress, so as to prevent any provision being made for arresting the progress of treason, you could not have enlisted a soldier. Had they not committed the blunder of withdrawing, the Democratic party would have stood by them and voted down every measure, as they undertook to vote them down after their masters had gone out. Therefore, I shall move at a very early period to take this resolution up, and shall then press the action of Congress to a vote upon it. Some gentlemen are astonished at the number of amendments offered from time to time; and I do not wonder at it. This Government has been floundering through a crisis such as never Government encountered before. It has been tried in all its parts. If there was any weakness in it, it has been revealed by the very difficulties that we have overcome. The amendment that I now propose is to remedy the greatest deficiency left by the fathers who made this Government. It is no disparagement to them, that we find their work not adapted to our time. It would be more than a miracle if it were otherwise than it is. It is absurd to suppose that a constitution which was made for a people and a nation, scattered over a small part of the country should be in all its parts perfect when the nation has grown up to \$30,000,000 of people spread over an entire continent. Just as well expect that the cloth cut for an infant would be the correct pattern for him when he had arrived at manhood. There are defects in it, and all men have seen them. It is very seldom in the history of a country that an opportunity like this arises. I hope every body will join me in this, and the President with the rest of them, if there be a particle of patriotism in him will join in, as Jackson, and Washington, and all the great statesmen before him did here. I have the satisfaction of believing I will have the aid and assistance of all parties, because it is a measure which, heretofore, has met the approval of everybody.

DIED
EVA.—In Minneapolis, August 12th, 1865, of bloody flux, Eva L. only child of Nelson W. and Harriet C. Carlton, aged one year and four months.

HARRIET.—In Minneapolis, February 12th, 1866, of typhoid fever, Mrs. Harriet C. wife of Nelson W. Carlton, aged 20 years.

The mother soon followed the steps of her little one. But six months have elapsed since the death of little Eva, and now, too, the Mother is laid quietly away in her last resting place, to sleep beside the cherished being. Let us deeply sympathize with the bereaved Husband and Father, who is now left alone in this cold and selfish world, since those held dearest and nearest his heart are sleeping in the silent grave, to wake on earth no more. A.D.

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court in and for the county of Fairbault, Sixth Judicial District, State of Minnesota, dated the 29th day of January, 1866, to me directed and delivered upon a judgment rendered and docketed in said county on the 27th day of September 1865, in an action wherein Daniel Campbell is plaintiff, and James Sherlock is defendant, in favor of the plaintiff, and against the defendant for the sum of two hundred and a transcript of the said judgment was filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for Fairbault County, and the said judgment therein docketed on the second day of October, 1865, and an attachment having been issued in said county and to the sheriff of said county delivered, by virtue of which the said sheriff did on the first day of July, 1865, seize and attach the following described real estate situated in the said county of Fairbault, to-wit:—
The west half of the south east quarter of section thirty-five (35) in township one hundred and four (104), North, of Range twenty-eight (28) West, and all the right, title and interest of the said defendant therein on that day, I have made of personal property out of which to make the said execution, levied upon all the right, title and interest which the said James Sherlock had of, in or to said premises when they were so attached, and at the date of the docketing of said judgment in Fairbault county, or at any time thereafter.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of said execution, I will sell the above described lands and real estate, and all the right title and interest which the said James Sherlock had therein on the first day of July, 1865, and on the second day of October, 1865, or at any time thereafter, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as the law directs, at the front door of the office of Register of deeds, in and for the county of Fairbault, at Blue Earth City, on the 29th day of March 1866, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to satisfy said execution, together with interest and costs and expenses therein.

Dated February 13th 1866.

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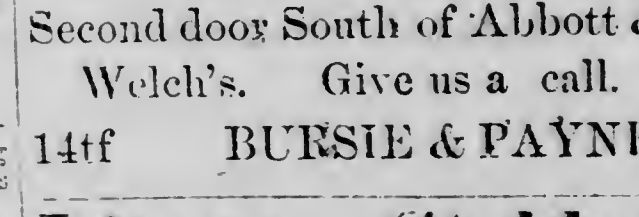
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1865.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

WINNEBAGO CITY, MARCH 7, 1866.

County Orders for sale at this Office.

Old Papers for sale at this office. They make good wrapping paper.

Ed. D. S. Norton will please accept thanks for valuable Pub. Docs.

Go to Geo. E. Nelson's to get the best cigars ever brought to this town.

As an indication of the way Moulton & Dendon are selling goods, we will just say that in three days of last week they sold over 220 yards of Sheetting and striped Shirting.

The weather is just 'old fine' in these parts, could not fix it up better ourselves. Regular spring, snow almost gone, sun shining bright and warm, and the gentle, almost summer, 'breezes blowing through the trees,' only sometimes not so gentle as might be.

The frame to the new warehouse of Moulton & Dendon, was erected one day last week. If the weather holds favorable, these gentlemen will be prepared to buy all kinds of grain in the course of a week or ten days. This will give the farmers a home market.

Mr. Reynolds who has been gone for a few weeks past on a visit to his friends in Michigan, returned one day last week, looking all the better for the journey. He may now be seen at his old stand, behind the counter of the grocery store of Richardson & Reynolds, ready and willing to wait upon his many customers.

Hon. H. W. Holley who has been making a short visit in the eastern part of the State, returned home a few days since. He informs us that the S. M. R. R. is progressing finely, twenty miles of the track being already laid. Daily for the Southern Minnesota road. Only two or three years more, and the iron horse will be plowing his way through Faribault county.

The receipts of the donation held at Mr. Gaymond's last Thursday evening, for the benefit of Rev. Mr. Stillman, amounted to \$47, principally cash. This, considering the very unfavorable state of the weather that evening, we think is a very liberal donation. It commenced to rain early in the evening and continued to rain, at times quite hard, all night, so that but few were able to attend.

We are informed and by one who pretends to know, that J. C. Easton, the banker and "land shark" of Chatfield, offers for sale a "few" very nice sorghum molasses, a sample of which may be seen and tasted, at the store of Moulton & Dendon in this place. For further particulars inquire of Mr. E. at the Root River Bank, Chatfield. We should think that "sorghum sap" and land warrants would go well together.

Mr. Nutter of Jo Davis in this county, informs us that he has cured the scab on sheep when in its worst form, by simply using sulphur and lard melted together. He also mixed a little sulphur with their feed. He says he has cured some sheep in this way two years ago, after they had become so weak that he had to hold them up while they eat, and that now they are as healthy and as fine looking sheep as any in his flock. This disease is raging this spring, with much greater fury than we had supposed, and we would recommend that sheep owners try this remedy. It certainly will not do any harm to try it.

Accident.—Sheriff Chapel met with quite a serious accident a few days since, caused by having his horse run away with him. The holdback straps to his harness was not just as they should have been, his horse was acting a little ugly when he struck it with his whip, and "pulled up" rather suddenly, bringing the cutter up against the animal's heels, which frightened it and it started to run, and as Mr. C. has but one hand, the horse soon became unmanageable. After running a short distance it jumped sideways upsetting the cutter, and throwing the sheriff out with some violence. He struck upon his face and head, cutting an ugly gash over one eye, and otherwise injuring him. The horse after distributing the cutter, in very niggardly pieces, in the various fence corners, stopped. Mr. C. is, we are glad to say, still able to attend to his business.

HOMESTEADS.

The Question of Exemption from Taxation.

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., Feb. 8, 1866.

Hon. J. M. Edmunds, Commissioner General Land Office.

Sir:—I am in receipt of a number of letters from my District, making inquiry whether land entered as homesteads, are liable to taxation under State laws.

The question is an important one to a large number of our people, and I would be obliged by a decision from your Office.

I have the honor to be very respectfully, &c. J. M. DONNELLY.

Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Feb. 8, 1866.

Hon. J. M. Edmunds, House of Representatives.

Sir:—In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., relative to the taxation of Homesteads, I would state that the Act of May 20th, 1862, ("Homesteads") requires five years continuous actual residence and cultivation, from the date of entry, before the Department can give a fee-simple title by patent.

Should a party after entry abandon or should otherwise not meet all the requirements of the Statute, his claim would be invalid and void, and the land would fall back into the mass of the public domain.

Then again the 4th section of the statute declares that no lands acquired under the provisions of this Act, shall in any event, become liable to the satisfaction of any debt or debts, contract or contracts, prior to the issuing of the patent therefor.

With each legal stipulation and condition, which the fee-simple remains in the United States it must be quite apparent, that the taxing power could not be successfully exerted in so far as tax on the land is concerned, whatever might be the authority to tax improvements on the premises a question, however, which it is not the province of this Office to determine where no act is done which might interfere with the administration of the law by the Department in any particular case.

I am, sir, very respectfully, &c. J. M. EDMUNDS, Commissioner.

After reading the above we feel safe in saying that Homesteads can not be taxed till after the expiration of five years from the date of filing. This is Mr. Edmunds' decision, and from the reading of the law, we do not see that he could consistently have made any other decision, therefore we lay no blame upon him. But is this really the intention of the law? Was it really the intention of the framers of that law to exempt Homesteads from taxation, or did they pass it without giving that part due consideration? Is it right? Is it just? We say no! If this is really the intention of the law, the sooner it is done away with the better. This law certainly needs amending, and some provision made whereby this land may become taxable from and after date of filing upon it. The taxes, both national and local, are, for the next twenty years will be, enormous. Is it right that a few men who, we might say, have been so unfortunate as to have pre-empted and paid for their land, to pay all this tax, while their more lucky neighbors quietly look on, but pay nothing? Is it right or fair that Mr. A. who came into the country years ago, when it was in a perfectly wild state, and pre-empted 160 acres of land at \$1.25 per acre should now pay from forty to eighty dollars tax on the same, while his neighbor Mr. B. who came into the country two or three years later, and availed himself of this Homestead law and got his 160 acres of land for \$14. and whose land is equally as good and perhaps in many respects far superior to Mr. A's, shall pay nothing? Certainly there is no fairness about this. In many instances a half dozen men have to pay the entire tax of a whole township. It would be just as fair to pass a law compelling these few men to pay all or any other debts that their neighbors might contract. The national debt should be paid by the entire people of the country and not by a certain few, our local obligations the same. The man who pays taxes receives no greater benefit from our public schools than the man that does not pay taxes, then why should not both pay an equal share in the treasury for the support of these schools? The Government and the individual can not both own this land—When an individual files upon a piece of land it is his to all intents and purposes. Would it not be better for the Government to give him a patent immediately, thereby making the land available to the support of the government, from the date of such filing, than to withhold the patent five years. This Homestead law in some points is a very weak document. By the reading of this law a party can hold his land by simply residing upon it twenty-four hours each six months, or ten days in the whole five years, yet it is a self-evident fact, that this is not the intention of the law.

We would respectfully call the attention of our members in Congress to these facts, and on the part of the people of this section of the country at

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the head of a family, or who has arrived at the
age of twenty-one years, and is a citizen of the
United States, or who shall have filed his declara-
tion of intention to become such, as required by
the naturalization laws of the United States, and
who has never borne arms against the United
States Government given aid and comfort to its
enemies, shall, from and after the first January
eighteen hundred and sixty-three, be entitled to
enter one quarter section or a less quantity of
unappropriated public lands, upon which said
person may have filed a pre-emption claim, or
whichever, at the time the application is made,
be subject to pre-emption at one dollar and twenty
five cents, or less, per acre; or eighty acres or
less of such unappropriated lands, at two dollars
and fifty cents per acre, to be located in a body,
and subject to the legal subdivisions of the pub-
lic lands, and after the same shall have been sur-
veyed: Provided, That any person owning and
residing on land may, under the provisions of
this act, enter other land lying contiguous to his
or her said land, which shall not, with the
land so already owned and occupied, exceed in
the aggregate one hundred and sixty acres.

Sec. 2. And he is further enacted, That the
person applying for the benefit of this act shall,
upon application to the register of the land office
in which he or she is about to make such entry,
submit before the said register or receiver the
affidavit required by the thirteenth section of
the act of April 24th 1820, and in making final
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six months after the expiration of the term of
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teen cents per hundred words for the testimony
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Home and the Art of making it Pleasant.

It seems to me that one of the primary causes of domestic happiness is a contented mind, and that content which lies supinely upon its back, or calmly folds its arms, making no effort to improve its condition, but that higher feeling of faith and trust, that in whatever sphere of life we are placed, to believe it is just the right sphere for the true development of our characters.

Could we only bring our wishes down to the level of our position, and allow their rise only as we rise ourselves in the social scale, how much anxiety of "keeping up appearances," might be saved, what blissful repose in exchange for the wear and tear of nerve and expedient.

As we look upon society as it is now constituted, and at the homes which are the exponents of its social condition, we can scarcely fail to observe that in too many cases the desire to point far beyond the means, and it is the house, grand and stately, and luxuriously furnished, much more than the home, substantial, and filled with good cheer, for which our energies are expended.

It is almost an insane desire to be rich, and that immediately, that destroys much of the comfort of every-day life. The weakest of all ambitions is it for the man of a few thousands to ape the style of a millionaire. I marvel that any one should so far sacrifice his own happiness as to indulge in such a course, productive only of an anxious heart, an aching head, weary with plans for its preservation and the world's verdict of weak-mindedness and folly.

This restlessness, this spirit of speculation, now so rife, this race along the course of fortune, striving to outstrip one's neighbor, this eager longing, this far out-reaching for house equipage and all the gilded trappings which wealth may buy, and yet this poor weak ideal, this a most utter forgetfulness of home.

I would by no means ignore wealth as one of the great levers which move the world, or disparage any honorable means by which it is obtained. I admire that determined energy which is daunted by no obstacle, surmounts all difficulties, and presses grandly on to the desired result; but I think life is of too much value to be spent in the worship of mammon, and has too profound a meaning for mere business ever rightly to interpret.

Many are the blessings which money can buy, and many the charms it adds to the home circle, not alone in luxurious living and outward splendors, but those higher pleasures which a refined and cultivated taste can alone appreciate. Books, pictures, and statuary instruct and elevate, opening to the mind wide fields for contemplation. Alas, that so much of wealth should be expended merely for the appearance of knowledge which a well filled library presents, and the show of taste which gilded frames on walls and sculptured marbles in the niches and alcoves effect.

Thanks that we, whose fortune has not favored with riches, can yet in the realm of Nature see the original of which all art, however perfect, is but the imperfect representation. We who claim a country home, may well boast our treasures, we can open wide our windows, and bring to our vision the views of mountain, lake or river, "or orchard, meadow and deep tangled wildwood." The morning glory of the heaven is ours, the gorgeous pomp of clouds at eventide and the solemn grandeur of the stars; and for our liberty we have the open volume of nature, where in God's own hand writing we may read of His wonderful works.

You may think I have digressed from my subject. Not so, for as we are influenced by others about us in our daily living, so are we affected, though in a less degree, by the internal arrangements and outward surroundings of our homes. Persons born and bred under the influences of town life naturally have different views from those who have known no other home than the country, and I think it should be one of our first duties in seeking an abiding place, to weigh well the advantages which may accrue from our choice, not only in a worldly view but with reference also to its effects upon our characters.

There are some persons who repel us at once, even before we have heard the tones of their voices, while there are others for whom we have an instinctive attraction, so there are some houses which give us a most chilly reception, by the stiff arrangement of furniture, its severe simplicity and the entire absence of all ornaments, while in others we feel at once at home—there has been no lavish expenditure but everything is arranged with regular coziness and comfort, the pictures on the walls may be of the cheapest, but if well chosen they are more suggestive than the walls themselves, the books may be clothed merely in cloth, and the flowers may boast but an earthen vase, yet they add attractions not too lightly estimated. Our modern palaces which are so characterized by the flash and glare of display, can never induce those warming and heart knitting influences of which God in his good ness designed our homes, but from the very grandeur and parade defeat their own ends. I have dwelt at some length upon the externals of home because I think their influence is more powerful than we are wont to realize.

If home is the most sacred place on earth, we should strive to make all its associations pleasant, so that those who go out from its roof tree to do battle with the world, may carry with them its blessed memories as a sure defence against the temptations around them, and as they pass on in life and the seasons begin to deepen down the vale of years, they may be ever one spot to which, in retrospection's hour, they may turn with pleasure, and that their childhood's home.—Mass Ploughman.

A Snake In a Man's Stomach.

Among the hidden things of the earth are snakes in the grass, some of which are now and then visible to the human kind, but until yesterday, we never saw one that had been a resident in the bowels of humanity. One of the practitioners in the police and other courts during the last twenty-five years has been troubled with what is known to the medical fraternity as a tape worm, which, at times, has reduced him to the point of death. Within that time he has consulted numerous physicians to see if the burden could not be removed from his bowels, but in vain. It so happened that on Sunday last, he was speaking of the matter in the presence of his barber, who said, at once, that he could relieve him of his unpleasant companion.

A dose of medicine was immediately administered, and in less than two hours the sufferer was relieved of a tape worm, fifteen feet in length. The reptile seemed to be formed in joints between three and four inches in length, one-fourth of an inch in width, is of a white color, having a head about the size of a large-sized pin, with a neck a foot in length, looking much like a thread. This is certainly one of the most singular phenomena that the materia medica have had under examination for a century at least. The gentleman who has become unburdened of such a monstrosity has since been rapidly improving in health.—Cincinnati Enquirer, Feb. 22.

The burning well, twelve miles below Franklin, Pa., on the Alleghany, still attracts a good deal of attention. It continues to burn with unabated fury, and lighting up the country for many miles. Each night its brilliance is noted at Franklin, Reno, Oil City, Clarion, and all the neighboring towns. The steady heat which it produces has produced singular effects in its immediate vicinity. At the distance where the temperature is suitable, a circle of green and beautiful grass has rapidly grown up, and is now from two to four inches high. Some hickory trees, standing within range, have commenced budding out in all the luxuriance of summer. The scene is spoken of as one of the most magnificent, and at the same time the most interesting which can be conceived.

Mrs. Buzz Fuzz's Curtain Lecture.

"You won't get up?" Don't you hear that knocking down stairs? and here you keep lying in bed, just as if your house is not as liable to be haunted as anybody else's. Why don't you get up and go and see what's the matter? "Rats!" No it ain't rats. Don't I know the difference between a rat knocking and a ghost rapping? smash—there goes my best china; don't you hear them ghosts pounding my new dishes all to pieces and you don't make the first move towards stopping them? How can you lie there and hear such destruction going on? "You don't hear it!" Why what are you made of? Do you think me a fool, that I can hear the ghosts running all over the house, and smash things up in a heap, and you not hear it, too? Turn over here and tell that to my face if you dare; there will be a ghost on to you about six feet long in no time if you do. "Crazy!" There, that will do; I won't bear that. You know better. You know I am as sane as you are, and because you don't believe in ghosts you are not willing any one else should. I tell you I believe in them. Haven't they got them all around as thick as small pox? Didn't I read in yesterday's paper that they had got as far as Rochester? And how far is it from Rochester here I'd like to know? It don't take over four hours to come from Rochester on the fast train. Now if it is not ghosts, what on earth is it? "Imagination!" There, take that—perhaps you call that imagination. You need hitting five or six times to put some imagination into you, and you'll get it if you don't go and see what that knocking is. I didn't think when I married you that I had got a man that wouldn't believe any thing himself or allow any one else to believe; but we poor wimmin have to stand every thing now a days. There it goes again—lickity, click. Do you call that rat? I shall go crazy with those ghosts, yes. I know you wish the papers would stop printing such stuff. How could they live if it wasn't for ghosts? I suppose if their readers were all like you there wouldn't be a ghost story read once in a year. I'll read 'em, and what's more, I'll believe 'em all to be true. Will you get up or will you wait till the house comes tumbling down over you? "You want to go to sleep?" yes, that's just like you; you have been out all night drinking lager beer and the ghosts have followed you home, and now you think to shake off your friends by going to sleep. I wish I was a man—I've no doubt of it, I've no doubt you wish so too. There goes the bell—do you hear that they are ringing the door bell—go and let them in or out just as they like, only get them away from this house or I shall go mad. Did you see Mister Ghost? You lent him five dollars and he promised to go away. Well, if you ain't the biggest idiot I ever did see. He took your five dollars and said he'd go. Well, either you or I am the best sold vagabonds in the country.—Buffalo Courier.

A Mysterious Well.

A man in Greenwood, Oceana county, recently employed a neighbor to dig a well. At the depth of 43 feet he struck a very hard substance, which could not be penetrated by any effort of his spade. A pick was accordingly sent down to him, with which he commenced operations in good earnest; but he immediately hesitated and then called hastily to be hauled up. In answer to the inquiry to the cause he replied: "All hell was there there were groanings, thunders, and all sorts of noises." The employer replied that he would go down and dig, if he "went to hell." He began his labors and the same commotion beneath him was again plainly and distinctly heard and felt. But, as if to prove true his assertions, he gave strength to the pick, breaking through the stratum, when the noise was heard above as well as below; a violent rush of wind and gas with a sulphurous smell followed, setting everything lying around loose in motion. He made a retreat, more alarmed than his

predecessor, with the loose stones and dirt about his ears. He thought surely he had uncapped the abode of the spirits. The well was left three or four days, during which time it was visited by many, among whom was our informant, who is a reliable man, and went by request of the owner. Candles and fire brands were let down, when the candles went out, and the brands became fireless. Fearing evil spirits would make it a place of egress, or for some other reason, the well was then filled, wholly or in part. As no new devils have been seen in that vicinity it is supposed that none left this subterranean pit.—Cor. Grand Rapids (Mich.) Eagle, Feb. 16th.

Attempt to Poison a Husband.

The promontory symptoms of another horror, have manifested themselves. We suppress names for the present, as the case is not ripe yet for a thorough publicity. On Friday last, a resident of this city called upon one of our well known physicians, with a cup of tea, which he wished analyzed. The analysis took place; and revealed the presence, in the tea, of a large quantity of arsenic. The man gave the following explanation: For some time his wife has been urgently advising him to take a trip for his health, which advice he had steadily resisted. Such a course on her part had somewhat surprised him, as it revealed an earnest desire to get clear of him; but still he entertained no particular suspicions. On Friday, at supper, she handed him a cup of tea. He declined it, and offered the liquid to one of the children. She started forward in alarm, however, and prevented the child from taking it. This excited suspicion in his mind, and when his wife was out of the room he secreted the tea, and afterward conveyed it to the physician, as we have stated above.

Melancholy Case.

A Troy paper states that a few weeks since a well known gentleman living in Mechanicville lost an only daughter—a beautiful, educated and accomplished young lady. She was the pride and glory of the father's heart. His anguish was of that character which refused all comfort and consolation. During the coldest nights he would often leave his home, go to her grave and lie down upon the frozen clods that covered her remains, uttering the wildest and most heartrending lamentations over the tomb of his darling. In this way he spent many nights, when not forced or kindly entreated home by the other members of the household. The father's grief was too intense for human endurance. Gradually the strong frame began to show signs of decay—the mind to give evidence of growing weakness. Three or four days since this disconsolate mourner died—literally of a broken heart.

The editor of a country paper says

that he felt called upon to publish Father Lewis' sermon on the "locality of hell," as it was a question in which nearly all his readers were deeply interested.

A crazy man averred recently that the Lord appeared to him in a vision and told him that "Chicago was the de-diest city on earth." It needs no ghost to come from his grave to tell us that.

PROFIC.—A lady in Northwestern Iowa recently gave birth to a pair of healthy twins, making the seventh pair in twelve years. No apprehension need be felt in regard to the future population of our sister State, if other matrimonial residents only do half so well.

"Stockings I can do without, as long as I wear fashionable dresses," said a village belle somewhat straightened in her financial resources; "but a bosom pin and kid gloves I must have."



LOCAL AFFAIRS.

WINNEBAGO CITY, MARCH 14, 1886.

County Orders for sale at this Office.

Old Papers for sale at this office. They make good wrapping paper.

Hon. Wm. Windom will please accept thanks for copy of Congressional Globe, and other valuable papers.

Hon. J. B. Wakefield passed through this place on Wednesday last, on his return from the Legislature. Faribault County has never furnished a better representative than Mr. Wakefield.

Returned.—A. C. Dunn, Esq., returned to his home in this place on Monday last, from St. Paul where he has been spending the winter laboring in the capacity of Legislative Chief Clerk.

The Red Jacket Bitters is no worthless article, but is what it claims to be, a real, genuine, medical preparation, of sterling virtues. The name "Bitters" is often used to cover a villainous compound of poor whiskey and some bitter drug. Do not confound Red Jacket with this class.

We would call the attention of our readers to the card in today's paper, of the Minnesota Mutual Insurance Co. of Mankato Minn. This, from what we can learn is a sound company and we feel perfectly safe in recommending it to the public. They have had some losses in this section, all of which have been promptly and satisfactorily estimated and paid.

The Blue Earth City Advocate says:

A fine limestone quarry of great apparent extent has been discovered on the farm recently purchased by Mr. C. W. Wilson of L. A. Davis, about three miles from the city in the town of Jo Daviess.

If upon examination the quarry proves to be a good one, it will be better than a gold mine to Mr. Wilson, for it will not only enrich him but be of great advantage to the community at large.

GARDEN SEEDS.—Mr. Balland of this town has gone into the seed business. He has just received a large supply from a large and reliable Eastern Wholesale House. After this year Mr. B. proposes to grow his own seeds, or at least the most of them. His seeds are all warranted good. Those now on hand are the finest looking seeds we have ever seen. This certainly is a very commendable calling; and our people will find it to their advantage to give him a liberal support. He is now prepared to furnish this and Martin county with all kinds of garden and flower seeds. See Advertisement in another column.

The Mankato Union furnishes the following letter, which was received by E. P. Freeman, Esq., of that place, from our Congressional representative, Hon. Wm. Windom, relative to the equalization of bounties.—It will answer the numerous questions we are asked on this question, better than we can.

"Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your favor of the 4th inst., and desire to thank you for its suggestions concerning our Minnesota Soldiers. The committee have not yet made any report in regard to equalizing bounties and I think they are undecided what to do. In case we can get a bill for that purpose before the House I will endeavor to protect the interest of our soldiers in the way you suggest.

There seems to be a dispute about the amount of money that will be required to equalize the bounties. I have seen a statement made by the war department that it will require an appropriation of over \$600,000,000. This has frightened a good many of the friends of the measure. I do not believe it will take so large a sum, and whatever the sum may be, I have confidence in the ability of the Government to do justice.

Truly Yours, &c.,
WM. WINDOM.

Little Herbert Sikes, aged two years, the son of H. Sikes, of Ashland, was burned to death last week. His mother left him alone in a room a moment, and seems to have got hold of a fragment of newspaper and stuck it in the fire. With this he set his clothes on fire. His mother returned in time to find him fatally burned. The little sufferer died an hour afterwards. It was only two years ago that Mr. Sikes lost a little daughter by scalding.—Mankatoville Express.

STATE ITEMS.

A man sleeping at the Washington House was robbed last Monday night of \$160 in greenbacks.—St. Peter Advocate.

The Chatfield Democrat says that Milo White of that place shipped sixteen tons of pork to W. L. Poma on last Wednesday—the largest shipment in the hog line that has been made from Chatfield this winter.

The Minneapolis correspondent of the Press says that the great capture of whiskey (900 barrels) reported as having been made at that place by Collector Jones, proved to be but so much vinegar; while the Pioneer maintains that there was a quantity of whiskey seized, though not the amount stated.

Tris.—The Le Sueur Statesman says that the Minnesota Valley Railroad Co. have a large force of men getting out ties between that place and Henderson. The Company have also recently made several purchases of land and timber for ties, in the vicinity of Henderson.

The Rochester Post says that an old gentleman named O. T. White, who was knocked down in the street some time since by a fellow driving a fast team, has since died of the injuries then received.

The same paper states that William Parker, aged fifty years, while coming into town was attacked with apoplexy, and died in a few hours afterwards.

Narrow Escape.—On last Saturday evening, as Capt. W. R. Noble was about to leave his office, he blew down the chimney of the lamp in order to extinguish the light, when in an instant a sheet of flame shot up, throwing the chimney to the ceiling and cracking the lamp. Had not the latter been of very heavy glass, it would have burst, and covered the Captain, who was standing just in front of it, with burning fluid. A number of deaths have resulted from extinguishing kerosene lamps by blowing down the chimney and people should be careful.—St. Cloud Item.

A young man named Oscar Shuman, a resident of Leavenworth, Brown county, was frozen to death during the storm of Tuesday night, Feb. 12th. He had visited a neighbor's house during the evening, and had left it to return to his home but failing to reach the latter place, his friends became alarmed. As soon as the storm abated a neighbor commenced a search. The body was at length found some eight miles from his home on the road, with his back to the wind, as though he had laid down to sleep, and evidently had died without a struggle.

He had been married only two months.—St. Peter Tribune.

HYDROPHOBIA.—This horrible malady is alarmingly on the increase in the southern part of this county. Within the past two weeks Mr. Tuttle, of High Forest, has lost a mare and a cow from the effects of being bitten but a few days previously, and has several head of stock more that have been bitten and they are daily expected to commence their ravings. Mr. Swan of the same township, has lost a cow; also Mr. Chris. Cole lost one on Tuesday. In all these instances, the poor animals were relieved by shooting them when they had exhibited unmistakable evidences of rabies.

The disease is an awful one and most surely fatal. The sufferings of these poor animals for several hours before death were most intense, and pitiful in the extreme. Some animals do not exhibit symptoms of hydrophobia for months after being bitten, and there are instances on record of persons and animals having lived years without showing any of the usual marks of rabies, and at last be seized with phrensy and die in those excruciating torments that life but ckes out to those infected with this the most to be dreaded of all maladies. Children and others who have eaten the milk of cows bitten, and that have not even exhibited signs of madness, have been seized with a strange and fatal sickness, and died in agony.

No wonder the people around High Forest are making clean work with the dogs. Better that every dog in the land be killed, than have one case of a man, woman or child bitten by a mad dog. We daily expect to hear of cases in this city. The streets are full of dogs quarreling, snapping, and biting about, and it is time that precautionary measures were being taken against that terrible state of affairs that a few cases of hydrophobia would produce in our midst.—Rochester Post.

The Pleasures of Illness.—Dickens' All the Year Round, in an article on "the pleasures of illness," says:

Nothing astonishes a weakly person who has been accustomed to illness so much as an unusually long period of good health. It is something he did not expect; it is like a gift to him.—Robust persons who have never been accustomed to physical suffering will find it difficult to understand this feeling. Their wonder is that they should ever be ill at all. I have noticed that the moral effect of illness upon the strong man is the moral effect of health upon the weak man. When a strong man is stricken down he takes to his prayers, but the time when the weak man's

thoughts are most elevated towards spiritual things is when he is well.—The latter is too thankful to Heaven for its abundant mercies to begin whispering the moment he is laid upon a bed of sickness. To my mind, that which produces a spirit of thankfulness is the best chastener of the heart. It is not a scourge, but a purifier. I have no belief in the rod, either moral or physical. When I am in health, and have the full enjoyment of all my faculties, and when the sun shines, and all nature is beautiful around me, then I am good. I cannot say that my heart is touched in the same way by affliction and gloom. It is not then in a spiritual way that I profit by illness, but simply because it enables me to throw off my cares as I throw off my clothes, and put my mind to rest with my body. To descend to some common place particulars in illustration of the pleasures of illness, I will mention first of all the delight of being able to think without a purpose. When I am well, my thinking must take a practical direction. I have no time to indulge in loose fancy. Whatever thoughts may enter my head, I must mould and shape them for use; I must parcel out and pigeon-hole them. And there is the inviolate process of thinking about thoughts, overhauling the old mental pigeon-holes to see that everything is ready to hand, a process which is very weary and painful. But sitting here by the fireside, utterly incapacitated, I give free rein to my fancy and set myself to thinking about nothing. And when you don't try to think, what pleasant thoughts enter your head unbidden! You call upon the divine Nine, or any other source of inspiration, until you are hoarse, without bringing the pleasant fancy which pops upon you like a fairy gift. You sit by the fire with your feet among the fenders, staring vacantly at the coals, and a vision of beauty reveals itself in the flame. These are pleasant day-dreams which the mind enjoys when it has an opportunity of playing the idler.

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Praise your wife, man; for pity's sake, give her a little encouragement; it won't hurt her. She made your home comfortable, your hearth shining and bright, your food agreeable; for pity's sake, tell her you thank her if nothing more. She don't expect it; it will do her good, for all that, and you too.

There are many women, today, thirsting for the word of praise, the language of encouragement. Through summer's heat and winter's cold they have drudged unceasingly and uncomplainingly, and so accustomed have their fathers, brothers and husbands become to their monotonous labors, that they look for and upon them as they do the daily rising of the sun, and it's daily going down. Homely every day life, may be made beautiful by an appreciation of its very homeliness. You know that if you can take from your drawer a clean shirt whenever you want it, somebody's fingers have ached in the toil of making it so fresh and agreeable, so smooth and lustrous. Everything that pleases the eye and sense has been produced by constant work, much thought, great care, and untiring efforts bodily and mentally.

I tell you what, men, young and old, if you did but show an ordinary civility toward that common article of house-keeping, your wives; if you gave the one-hundred and sixtieth part of the compliments you almost choked them with before you were married; if you would cease to speak of their faults, however bantering, before others, fewer women would seek for other sources of happiness than your cold so-so-th affection. Praise your wife, then, for all good qualities she has, and you may be assured that her deficiencies are fully counterbalanced by your own.

GOOD GIRL.—An exchange paper

tells the following:

A certain man in a certain city, the other day whose appearance would indicate the sturdy yeoman rather than the polished gentleman, seeing a very beautiful young lady in a quinary as how she should cross through the muddy depths, walked quietly to her and said, "Miss, if you will allow me, I will take you across," and taking her in one of his strong arms carried her quickly over and set her down, when she looked up and smilingly said, "Thank you, sir, you may have a kiss for that," and he, taking of his hat, availed himself of the offer, and she went modestly and quietly on her way.

"AIN'T YOUNG?"—A bashful and rather green young fellow invited a young lady to attend a ball with him. The invitation was accepted, and the couple appeared at the ball. After dancing for some time, "greeny" saw his partner sitting in one corner of the room all alone. Now was his chance, so he walked up to where the lady was sitting and sat down beside her. All well so far; but the bashful fellow was at a loss for something to say. He fidgeted about considerably and was sweating profusely. Finally, taking hold of his wilted collar, he commenced the conversation thus:

"It's powerful warm in this room,—My shirt's wet, ain't yours?"

His partner blushed, said nothing, but took his arm for the next dance.

Terrific Explosion.

On the evening of the 27th ult., a terrific explosion occurred at the furnace of J. & H. Meilley, in Middleton Pa., resulting in the complete destruction of the furnace, the death of five men and the wounding of six others. Eight boilers were in the furnace. One was raised through the building, carried five hundred yards and lodged in the Pennsylvania canal. The other boilers were scattered in various directions, some of them passing through houses and other buildings. A portion of one boiler was hurled through a room in which two women were lying sick, and missed them. The bridge over the Union canal was carried away. Many of the dwellings in the vicinity were more or less shattered by the fragments, and the whole town shaken. The loss exceeds \$50,000. The owners will rebuild immediately, and workmen are already at work removing the debris.

Two gentlemen were discussing the voice of Madame Parepa, the opera singer. One spoke of the ease with which she ascended to E.—"that's nothing," replied the other, "my wife often gets up to E."

On the 26th ult quite a lengthy debate took place in Congress, in the House, on the Civil Rights bill. Among other disputants we find our Representative, Mr. Windom. After a few side thrusts at some of the Democratic members, Mr. Windom said:

"But, sir, I desire to address a few remarks more directly to the bill. The broad and comprehensive justice of this measure is disclosed in its title, 'A bill to protect all persons in the United States in their civil rights and furnish the means of their vindication.' This, I believe, is one of the first efforts made since the formation of the Government to give practical effect to the principles of the Declaration of Independence; one of the first attempts to grasp at a vital reality and embody in the forms of law the great truth that all men are created equal and endowed by the Creator with the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. If there be any reasonable objection to the bill, it is that it does not go far enough. It assumes only to protect civil rights, and leaves the adjustment and protection of political rights to future legislation. But, so far as it does go, it is, in my opinion, in strict conformity with the spirit and design of the grand old architects who, when they laid the foundations of our republic, ennobled, made these rights of human nature the chief corner stone. Had this design been followed by those who built the superstructure we might have been spared the desolation and bloodshed of the last five years.

A true republic rests upon the absolute equality of rights of the whole people, high and low, rich and poor, white and black. Upon this, the only foundation which can permanently endure, we professed to build our Republic; but at the same time we not only denied to a large portion of the people equality of rights, but we robbed them of every right known to human nature.

Now that the armed power of the rebellion has been crushed, the duty is upon us to so reconstruct the Government as to avoid this grand mistake of the past. Our warrant for the passage of this bill is found in the genius and spirit of our institutions; but not in these alone. Fortunately, the great amendment which broke the shackles from every slave in the land contains an express provision that—

'Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.'

When this amendment was acted upon, it was well understood, as it is now, that although the body of slavery might be destroyed, its spirit would still live in the hearts of those who have sacrificed so much for its preservation, and that if the freedmen were left to the tender mercy of their former masters, to whose heartless selfishness has been superadded a malignant desire for vengeance upon the negro for having aided us in crushing the rebellion, his condition would be more intolerable than it was before the war. And hence the broad grant of power was made to enable Congress to enforce the spirit as well as the letter of the amendment. Now, sir, in what way is it proposed to enforce it? By denying to any one man a single right or privilege which he could otherwise constitutionally or properly enjoy? No. By conferring on any one person, or class of persons, a single right or immunity which every other person may not possess? By no means. Does it give to the loyal negro any preference over the recent would-be assassins on the nation? Not at all. It merely declares that hereafter there shall be no discrimination in civil rights or immunities among the citizens of any State or Territory of the United States on account of race, color or previous condition of slavery, and that every person, except such as are excluded by reason of crime, shall have the same right to enforce contract, to sue, be parties, and give evidence, to inherit, purchase, sell, hold, and convey real and personal property, and to full and equal benefit of all laws and proceedings of the security of person and property, and shall be subject to like punishment, pains, and penalties, and to none other.

In other words, it declares that henceforth the perjured white traitor shall have no civil rights or immunities which are denied to the black patriot; that the colored soldier, who has worn the uniform of the republic and periled his life for its defense, shall have an equal right, nothing more, with the white rebel yet recking with the blood of our murdered defenders, to make and enforce contracts, to give evidence in court, and to hold and enjoy real and personal property; that in laws and proceedings for the security of person and property, and for the punishment of offences, no discrimination shall be made in favor of traitors, because they are white and have always been petted and pampered by the government, as against patriots because they are black and have always been held in cruel and degrading bondage. This is substantially all the bill before us proposes to accomplish. It does not, as I have already said, confer the privilege of voting, for that is a political right, and not included in the bill. It does not attempt to confer on the freedmen social privileges. It merely provides safeguards to shield them from wrong and outrage, and to protect them in the enjoyment of that lowest right of human nature, the right to exist. Its object is to secure to a poor, weak class of laborers the right to make contracts for their labor, the power to enforce the payment of their wages, and the means of holding and enjoying the proceeds of their toil.

Who can deny them this? To do so would be to repudiate utterly the pledge we made in the days of our sore trial, and would justly merit the scorn and contempt of mankind. We know, and the whole world knows, that when in the hour of our extremity we called upon the black race to aid us, we promised them not liberty only, but all that the word liberty implies. All remember how unwilling we were to do anything which would inure to the benefit of the negro. I recall with shame the fact that when five years ago the so-called Democracy—now Egyptians—were here in this capital, in the White House, in the Senate, and on this floor, plotting the destruction of the government, and we were asked to appease them by sacrificing the negro, two thirds of both Houses voted to rivet his chains upon him so long as the Republic should endure. A widening chasm yawned between the free and slave States, and we looked wildly around for that wherewith it might be closed. In our anxiety we seized upon the negro, bound and helpless, and tried to cast him in. But an overruling providence heard the cries of the oppressed and hurled his oppressors in to that chasm by hundreds of thousands until the whole land was filled with mourning—yet still the chasm yawned. In our anguish and terror we felt that the whole nation would be speedily engulfed in one common ruin. It was then that the great emancipator and savior of his country, Abraham Lincoln, saw the danger and the remedy, and seizing four million bloody shackles he wrenched them from their victims, and standing with these broken manacles in his hands upraised toward heaven, he invoked the blessing of the God of the oppressed, and cast them into the fiery chasm. That offering was accepted and the chasm closed. If the government reluctantly adopted emancipation as a means of its own salvation, it was not because these in authority did not sympathize with the slave, and love liberty, but because the old prejudices were still strong, and it was feared it might exasperate our enemies. During the first year of the war it was believed that the South could be conciliated, and hence to gratify rebels in arms we spared the slave from our camps; and when he came into our lines to give information concerning the enemy, he was sent back to his rebel master to be scourged, and sometimes murdered, for his loyalty to our cause. He was plainly told that the war was not waged for his benefit, or for his emancipation, and that if we could save the Union by preserving slavery we would do so. All

this we did to conciliate the master and to avoid "firing the southern heart." Finally, when it was decided to accept the proffered services of the blacks and to permit them to aid in fighting our battles, we were still unwilling to do them full justice; and they entered life army with less pay than white soldiers, and without any of that protection which the laws of war accord to belligerents. The black soldier knew full well when he was enrolled in the Army it was with a halter about his neck and that if taken prisoner no quarter would be shown him.

Yet, notwithstanding these discouragements and disadvantages they heard the nation's promise to the race, made in the proclamation of emancipation, and trusting to the nation's honor to make good its pledges, two hundred thousand strong arms seized the muskets, and two hundred thousand dusky heroes grappled with the foe. Nobly have they performed their part, and largely have they contributed to our victory. They come to us now and demand the fulfillment of our promise. They ask us by this bill for that protection of person and property without which liberty is a solemn mockery—They implore us to give them the right to live and to enjoy the fruits of their own labor, and in answer to these just demands, sanctioned by a most solemn compact, they are told they must look to their State laws for protection, and that this is a 'white man's government.' Sir, when a few months ago we saw our depleted battle-ripen ranks filling with stalwart negroes, we forgot for a time that this was a 'white man's Government,' and even the Egyptians on the other side of this Chamber began to think that a black man had, after all, some rights which a white man was bound to respect. When we heard of the fiendish massacre at Fort Pillow there were some radical enough to believe that cruel and even political rights might be almost as safely and properly lodged in the hands of the loyal African as in the hands of Feifeest and his band of murderers.

When the report from Fort Hudson and Fort Wagner thrilled all loyal hearts by the recital of the heroic deeds of the black soldier, we were not reminded that if the negro were permitted to enjoy the same rights under the Government his valor helped to save that are possessed by the perjured traitors who sought its destruction, it would 'lead to a war of races.' Oh, no! Then we were in peril, and felt grateful even to the negro, who stood between us and our enemies. Then, our only hope of safety was in the brave hearts and strong arms of the soldier at the front. Now, since by the combined efforts of our brave soldiers, white and black, the military power of the South has been overthrown, and her Representatives are as eager to resume their places on this floor as five years ago they were to quit them for a place in the rebel army, we are told that having been victorious it becomes a great nation like ours to be magnanimous. I answer, it is far more becoming to be just. I am willing to carry my magnanimity to the verge of justice, but not one step beyond. I will go with him who goes furthest in acts of generosity toward our former enemies, unless these acts will be prejudicial to our friends: But when you advise me to sacrifice those who have stood by us during the war, in order to conciliate unrepentant rebels whose hearts still burn with ill-suppressed hatred to the Government; I scorn your counsel.

But do the Freedmen need the protection which the bill proposes to give? The President informs us in his message vetoing the Freedmen's Bureau bill, a kindred measure to this, that—

"He should be protected by the civil authorities, especially by the exercise of all the Constitutional powers of the courts of the United States and of the States."

And he adds:

"His condition is not so exposed as may at first be imagined. He is in a portion of the country where his labor cannot well be spared. Competition for his services from planters, front those who are constructing and repair-



LOCAL AFFAIRS.

WINNEBAGO CITY, MARCH 21, 1866.

County Orders for sale at this Office.

Old Papers for sale at this office. They make good wrapping paper.

What does it denote to see a hog's head set up on a dry goods box in front of a dry goods store? Hogishness, or Meat Market?

The *Wilton News*, gets its inside printed at Chicago, thereby furnishing its readers with a large amount of old, stale reading.

The Civil Rights bill passed the House of Representatives on the 12th inst., by a vote of 109 yeas to 18 nays. It was then returned to the Senate for its adoption.

Dissolved.—Messrs. Kimball & Root have dissolved partnership in the Hotel business in this town. Mr. Root has retired to private life, and Mr. Kimball & Son will hereafter run the Hotel business, and with two such men, we will venture to say, another such Hotel can not be found in the State.

The St. Paul Press says that all the railroads and stages in that section were completely snow blocked on the 16th and 17th inst. The cold was very severe here, but no snow to speak of and what was on the ground did not drift, curiously any.

Personal.—G. H. Goodnow, Esq., of Mankato called at our office a few days since. Mr. G. has disposed of all his property in Mankato and intends going to Montana this spring. His family will probably return to this town, to live during his absence.

We see that our friend and Colonel of 1862, Mr. McPhail, has commenced the publication of a newspaper, to be published and edited by him, at Redwood Falls situated on the Red Wood River in this state. Success to the *Patriot* is our best wish.

Ill.—Miss S. P. Ring, was taken seriously ill, last week, with a severe cold. It was thought at one time she would not possibly live, and her friends at her own request, had procured her winding sheet of spotless white. A new physician, Dr. Sol, was called to her assistance, and, we are glad to say, she is now rapidly recovering.

Mr. Rhodes, late sole proprietor of the Flouring and Saw Mill of this place, it will be seen by a card in to-day's paper, has a partner in the business, and the mill will hereafter be run in the name of Rhodes & Haviland. Mr. H. is an experienced machinist, and under his management we shall expect fewer breakdowns, and more grinding.

See call for town caucuses in this paper, to be held the 31st instant, to put in nomination the public candidates for the several town offices to be made vacant this spring. All those who wish to take a part in the caucuses must be on hand punctually at the hour, as the Hall is engaged for other purposes, and the business of the caucuses must be done up early in the evening.

We see by the Mankato Union that the ladies of that town have made up a purse of money, and a box of clothing and other necessities of life amounting in all to the value of \$120, and sent the donation to the Presler family in Martin Co. for their immediate relief. This is the family that suffered so severely from the late storm, and as they are in rather destitute circumstances, this will indeed be a timely relief to them.

Struck "He."—Hurrah! Yes, sir, struck oil, the pure, genuine, unalloyed veritable petroleum. But ain't it a humbug? No, sir, nary humbug. The well was found on the farm of H. W. Holley of this place, and produced (it is stopped) a copious yield of the genuine article. But our hopes of immediate wealth vanished in a moment. The oil well proved, upon examination to be a three dollar lamp completely demolished. We don't care to strike oil any more.

The spirit of assassination still seems to dwell in the "southern heart." Gov. Brownlow has been selected as their next victim. One of the conspirators of this diabolical plot has been arrested at Grenada, Miss., and ordered to be tried at Nashville. We hope to be able to publish an account of his execution soon.

See call for a meeting of the Cemetery Association to be held next Monday evening at the Hall. It is to be hoped there will be a full attendance and that something will be done to the Cemetery grounds. They need considerable repairing, and above all, fencing. It looks bad to see all the cattle in the community feeding on and tramping down the graves. Surely some respect should be shown to the departed.

STATE ITEMS.

FIRE IN ST. CLOUD.

Total Loss \$33,500—Insurance \$25,500.

Special Correspondence St. Paul Pioneer.

St. Cloud, March 12, 1866.

About eleven o'clock last night (Sunday), a fire was discovered in the portion of Tennoorde's Block occupied by Peterson & Stally as a dry goods store, and the flames were not checked until five buildings had been destroyed. The sufferers are as follows:

Peterson & Stally, dry goods, loss \$20,000. Insured in the St. Paul Fire and Marine for \$2,500 and in other companies to the amount of \$13,000.

J. M. Rosenberger, bookstore, loss \$3,000, fully covered by insurance.

L. Roberts, saloon and billiard hall, loss about \$500. Insured in the Home of N. Y., and Putnam of N. Y. for \$3,000. Three billiard tables were saved and one destroyed.

James B. Mills Commission and Forwarding House for the Hudson Bay Company goods. Loss about \$1,000—no insurance.

The building was known as Tennoorde's Block, and was owned by J. W. Tennoorde, Esq. They were insured in the Home of N. Y. for \$2,500, and in the Phoenix of Hartford for \$2,000.

Had there been a high wind, very little of the business portion of St. Cloud would have been saved. As it was, only the greatest exertions of the Fire Company and the citizens saved the Central House, which came very near being destroyed by fire a few days since. Also the stores of J. R. Bennett and J. E. Edlebrook.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.—On Monday afternoon a number of men with ox-teams were moving up the hill a house in Lowry's addition belonging to Valentine Wexel. The driver of the hind oxen was Carl Reigenberger, a German, of St. Jo. It is supposed that he slipped and fell under the building, as the first intimation of the disaster was the body of the man rolling out from the hind end of the house at the feet of those coming after. He lived but about ten minutes. He was not bruised in any way, there not being even a scratch on his body. The deceased leaves a wife and five children. His body was taken to St. Jo. for interment yesterday.—St. Cloud Dem.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On last Thursday while a Mr. Hugh M. Miller was engaged in felling trees in the pines on Rum River, about fifty miles east of this city, he met with an accident, which resulted in his death. He was falling across another, when the tree he had just chopped down, swung around, the end striking him in the side, in the region of the kidneys. He was a young man, about twenty-four, and unmarried. He came from Canada to St. Anthony last fall, in which place he resided until going into the pines. He was buried in the Cemetery yesterday.—Ibid.

DONNER AND BRUIZEN.—On last Thursday night this locality was visited by a rain storm, accompanied by genuine thunder and lightning. The following two days were rough and squally.—Ibid.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NEW ORDER OF THINGS

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Winnebago Mill

Having made some changes concerning the business transactions of the "Winnebago City Mills," we wish to announce to the public that we are now prepared to do all kinds of work in our line of business, for ready pay. Logs, wood, wheat, or even money taken in payment for work. Our terms for sawing are: One half, or \$10, per thousand. Flour, Bran, and shorts can be had on hand, and for sale cheap.

RHODES & HAVILAND.

Winnebago City, March 17th, 1866.

Republican Union Caucus.

The Republicans of the Township of Winnebago City are requested to meet in caucus at Moulton's Hall on Saturday evening, March 31st, for the purpose of nominating Town officers to be supported at the Town meeting which will be held on Tuesday, the 31st day of April 1866. The caucus will be held at 7 o'clock P. M.

J. H. WELCH,

Chm. Town Com. Com.

Notice of Dissolution.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing under the firm style of Kimball & Root, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts settled by C. S. Kimball.

C. S. KIMBALL,

G. B. ROOT.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Winnebago City Cemetery Association held at Moulton's Hall on Monday evening the 26th inst., at 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing trustees, and taking necessary action in regard to fencing and improving said grounds.

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WINNEBAGO CITY, MARCH 28, 1886.

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Four hundred dollars worth of town Bonds, on the town of Winnebago City, for sale at this office.

Two hundred dollars worth of County Bonds, on Faribault county for sale at this office.

A new lot of Warranty Deeds just printed and for sale at this office. Also all kinds of Justice's Blanks.

Wanted.—Some money. Those owing us will confer a favor by paying up immediately.

It will be seen by reference to the call for a Republican caucus, that the day for the meeting has been changed from Saturday the 31st, inst to Monday, April 2d at 2 o'clock P. M.

The good templar lodge in this place is flourishing finely. They number now, about fifty members, and new accessions to their ranks are made every week. Five new members were admitted last Friday.

A "merchione" has been invented down in America called "skirt elevator." The best skirt elevator we know of is a "rite smart" Minnesota Nor'wester, we saw it "histe" some, the other day, and it was well done.

Sensible Woman.—We have had considerable mud in these parts this spring and among all the women that come and go through our streets, we noticed one that wore bloomers. We do not know who she is, but we do know that she is a sensible woman.

Why don't our Good Templars invite some smart man to deliver a lecture to their lodge. We would like to hear Hon. M. S. Wilkinson, or Gen. J. H. Parker. We presume either gentleman would accept an invitation.

Persons suffering with Dyspepsia and all diseases arising from a disordered state of the stomach, should at once obtain a bottle of the Red Jacket Stomach Bitters. No matter how long they are without them. They are for sale by all druggists throughout the country.

The St. Paul Press says a mad dog was killed in that city on the 21st inst. There is about a thousand and one dogs in this place that ought to be killed. We believe a dog without a collar on him, bearing the owners name, is subject to a blue pill at any time. Look out "pup" owners.

Don't Know.—What effects approaching elections have on some folks. We heard this question "Are you in favor of Negro Suffrage?" put directly to a now, and would be re-elected Justice of the Peace, a few days since.—The answer was "no, yes, but, if, I guess so, I guess not, in certain cases, in some places, I am, and I am not." Come out, Squire, and let us know how you stand on the question. The caucus comes off next Monday.

A small fight took place in one of our saloons a few days since, resulting in one man getting his shoulder severely hurt and the other getting his face, in the vicinity of his eyes, slightly peeled. Neither party was angry when they commenced. One was slightly howl-come-you-so, and took hold of the other party to "scuffle," during which they fell hurting the shoulder of the sober one, the other thought it was a real fight and so went in on his muscle, and got "liked" for entertaining such a foolish idea.

In accordance to the law in such case, made and provided, next Saturday is the day set apart for our annual School Meeting. This fact had almost slipped our mind, and we presume it would, had we not heard some one mention the fact. Why a copy of the call for this meeting was not handed us for publication, we do not know, unless it be that the present incumbent board want to hold their position a little longer, and did not care to have a very general attendance. It can not be to save expense, for we have always volunteered to print such things gratis. Nevertheless we were lucky enough to be reminded of the date, and hereby give notice that there will be a School Meeting held at the school house in this place, on Saturday evening next, at half past seven o'clock. A full attendance is requested. Let us vote a

tax sufficient to build a good school house, and elect a working board, and we will have that much needed institution—a good school—ere another winter.

At a meeting of the Cemetery Association held at Moulton's Hall on Monday evening, C. S. Kimball was elected Chairman, and G. M. Potter chosen Secretary.

J. S. Latimer, H. W. Holley, and A. C. Dunn, were elected Trustees of the Association.

The Trustees were instructed to fence the whole or a part of the Cemetery grounds, as in their judgment they thought proper.

The minimum price of the lots were fixed at five dollars, and the proceeds of the sales of the lots are to be applied to fencing and adorning the cemetery.

All persons interested (and who is not) are requested to take one lot and thus enable the Trustees to fix up the grounds in proper and becoming shape.

Literary Notices.

Godey for April is received. We just wish some of our lady friends who do not take Godey could see this number, we know they would send for it immediately. The engravings are splendid, and it does one so much good to read its contents. Price only \$3. per year. Address, L. A. Godey, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Lady's Friend for April.

In the steel plate for this number, "Waking," we find the usual superiority maintained by this magazine, for exquisite naturalness and artistic taste. It is a sweet heart-picture of waking endearments between mother and child; the clear sunrise streaming through the bordering vines about the lattice and lighting up the scene—morning light and morning, both pure, both fragrant with the breath of heaven. The fashion plate is as usual unsurpassed. We sometimes wonder how it is that the publishers invariably secure this point. Even when the same artists have been at work there seems to be an unconscious favoritism that reserves for The Lady's Friend their best efforts and most signal successes. Very appropriately in this April number the children, spring buds of men and women, have it all to themselves, and an uncommonly pretty, graceful group they make. The wood cut illustrating "The Forest Wife" is full of tragic pathos; a winter scene, dreary and desolate as the heart of the sufferer.

Then follow a few of the wood cuts that every month offer their timely assistance to the ladies toward making a pleasing appearance—that important part of life. A bertha, a breakfast dress, a useful and elegant in design, and a high bodice with basque, the front of which is ingeniously reflected from a mirror, are some of these. For music we find "Maiden's Eyes," a song from Festus—music from F. Schelling. For literary matter there is "Rebo Vale," a story of a smuggler's cave; "Afterward," by Marcia Hope; "Lines," by Beatrice Colman; "Maud's Temptation," picturing for parents the evil influences of some fashionable boarding-schools; "Out on the Up-lands," by Sybil Park; "Minerva and Nausicaa," by Mrs. Phoebe Earle Gibbons; "Rescued by a Ghost," by Rodolphus; the continued story, "Zillah," the denouement of which seems very uncertain, and the rival characters so winning the reader's interest that even his wishes as to the ending are in state of indecision; "The Lock of Golden Hair," by August Bell; "The Forsaken Wife," by Clara Augusta; "Uncle Richard," by Catherine M. Trowbridge; "Sun-ribs," "Loss and Gain," "The Wounded Heart," by E. H. Browning. The Work Table patterns for embroidery, dresses, &c., we commend to the industrious fair. The Editor's Department, Book Notices, Receipts and Fashions, concludes our list of attractions.

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Sheriff's Sale.

BY virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court in and for the county of Blue Earth, Sixth Judicial District, State of Minnesota, dated the 30th day of January, 1886, to me directed and delivered upon a judgment rendered and docketed in said county on the 27th day of September 1885, in an action wherein Daniel Campbell is plaintiff, and James Sherlock is defendant, in favor of the plaintiff, and against said defendant for the sum of two hundred and forty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents (\$249.75) a transcript of which judgment was filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for Faribault County, and the said judgment therein docketed on the second day of October, 1885, and an attachment having been issued in said action and to the sheriff of said county delivered, by virtue of which said sheriff did on the first day of July, 1886, seize and attach the following described Real Estate situated in the said county of Faribault, to wit:

The west half of the south east quarter of section thirty-five (35) in township one hundred and four (104), North, of Range twenty-eight (28) West, and all the right title and interest of the said defendant therein on that day, I have for want of personal property out of which to make the said execution, levied upon all the right title and interest which the said James Sherlock had of, in or to said premises when they were so attached, and at the date of the docketing of said judgment in Faribault county, or at any time thereafter.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of said execution, I will sell the above described lands and real estate, and all the right title and interest therein, to the highest bidder for cash, as the law directs, at the front door of the office of Register of deeds, in and for the county of Faribault, at Blue Earth City, on the 29th day of March 1886, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to satisfy said execution, together with interest and costs and expenses thereof.

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